



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

9:45 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in Accordance with Cook County Code.

1. Mr. George Blakemore

16-6053

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/13/2016

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to approve 16-6053. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

16-5229

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CREATING A SOCIAL MEDIA GANG TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, gang violence in Cook County has devastated too many communities; and,

WHEREAS, much of the gun violence in Chicago and suburban Cook County has its origins in gang activity; and,

WHEREAS, police across the region have expressed frustration and stemming gang-related violence; and,

WHEREAS, many of the long-standing structures of street gangs in Chicago have eroded or broken down in recent years, creating a challenge for law enforcement when it comes to effectively combatting the criminal activity of gangs; and,

WHEREAS, gangs are located throughout the city of Chicago and suburban Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, there exist numerous, documented examples of communication and planning among and between gangs on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and others; and,

WHEREAS, studies undertaken and findings published by Columbia University Professor Desmond Patton have shown a connection between online threats and offline violent incidents in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, homicide is the second leading cause of death for young people; and,

WHEREAS, 90 percent of teenagers use the internet regularly; and,

WHEREAS, there exist numerous, documented examples of gangs and gang-affiliated individuals using social media for the purposes of selling drugs and the pursuit of other illegal activities; and,

WHEREAS, there exist numerous, documented examples of gangs recruiting new members online; and,

WHEREAS, there exist numerous, documented examples of offline conflicts between gang members being escalated via online platforms; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and duty of this Board of Commissioners and County government to use all of the resources at its disposal to investigate the root causes of deadly violence in Cook County and enact policies designed to reduce that violence to the greatest extent possible;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that there be established a taskforce composed of the necessary parties to study gang interactions with the assistance of the Cook County Sheriff's Department on social media in order to better equip law enforcement to end gang operations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Task Force created herein shall consist of six members, appointed in the following manner:

- (1) A designee of the Cook County Sheriff
- (2) The Chair of the Human Relations Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
- (3) The Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
- (4) A designee of the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
- (5) A designee of the Cook County State's Attorney; and,
- (6) A designee of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Cook County Social Media Gang Task Force, created herein, shall meet not less than three times within a six month period following the enactment of this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Cook County Social Media Gang Task Force shall, after having met in the manner and with the frequency described in the foregoing paragraph, furnish a report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners outlining a recommended strategy for a reduction in violence instigated on social media platforms.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to suspend the rules 16-5229. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to accept as substituted 16-5229. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to approve as substituted 16-5229. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

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WHEREAS, the prevalence of social media and the internet have altered the way the world communicates and does business; and,

WHEREAS, violence in Cook County has devastated too many communities; and,

WHEREAS, social media plays a prominent role in facilitating violence; and,

WHEREAS, police across the region have expressed frustration at their inability to meaningfully reduce gun violence in Chicago and Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, studies undertaken and findings published by Columbia University Professor Desmond Patton have shown a connection between online threats and offline violent incidents in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, homicide is the second leading cause of death for young people; and,

WHEREAS, 90 percent of teenagers use the internet regularly; and,

WHEREAS, there exist numerous, documented examples of individuals using social media for the purposes of selling drugs and the pursuit of other illegal activities; and,

WHEREAS, there exist numerous, documented examples of offline conflicts between individuals being escalated via online platforms; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and civic duty of this Board of Commissioners and County government to use all of the resources at its disposal to investigate the root causes of violence and crime in Cook County and enact policies designed to reduce that violence and crime to the greatest extent possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that there be established a taskforce composed of the necessary parties to study interactions with the assistance of the Cook County Sheriff's Department on social media in order to better equip law enforcement to deal with the negative consequences; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Task Force created herein shall consist of eleven members, appointed in the following manner:

- (1) A designee of the Cook County Sheriff;
- (2) The Chair of the Human Relations Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners;
- (3) The Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners;
- (4) The Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners;
- (5) The Commissioner representing the 16th District of the Cook County Board of Commissioners;
Chairman of Cook County Board of Commissioners on Homeland Security
- (6) A designee of the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners;
- (7) A designee of the Cook County State's Attorney;
- (8) A designee of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County;
- (9) A designee of the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department;
- (10) A designee of the Director of the Illinois State Police; and,
- (11) A designee of the Cook County Public Defender

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Cook County Task Force on Social Media and Violence, created herein, shall meet not less than three times within a six month period following the enactment of this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Cook County Task Force on Social Media and Violence shall, after having met in the manner and with the

frequency described in the foregoing paragraph, furnish a report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners outlining a recommended strategy for a reduction in violence and crime instigated on social media platforms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Silvestri, to accept amendment

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to approve as amended

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Silvestri, to accept amendment

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Silvestri, to approve as amended 16-5229. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Silvestri, to recommend for approval as substituted and amended

Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Silvestri, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

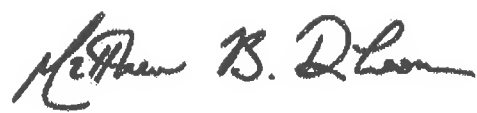
Ayes: Moore, Silvestri, Arroyo, Butler, Fritchey, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman

11/21/2016



Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.